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May 17, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO ACCEPT FIFTH YEAR GRANT FUNDS  
FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (OES)  
FOR THE ELDER ABUSE ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH PROGRAM (EAAOP)  
FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2004-05 ALL DISTRICTS (3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMEND THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Authorize the District Attorney, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to accept grant award funding for EAAOP from OES in the amount of \$180,000, with a required match of \$34,814, for the period of October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2005. Estimated program costs will be offset by the OES grant award except for the required match which will be absorbed by the department.
2. Authorize the District Attorney or his designee, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to serve as Project Director and to sign and approve revisions to the Grant Award Agreement that do not affect the net County cost of the program.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Los Angeles County is home to the largest population of seniors (individuals 65 years of age or older) in the nation. As this population has grown, so have the reported incidents of elder physical and financial abuse. The most common forms of reported elder abuse within the County are: neglect, mental abuse, financial, and physical abuse. The EAAOP was developed to enhance and improve services to seniors who are the victims of physical and financial abuse in Los Angeles County.

The administrative transfer of this grant program to OES delayed the grant award notification which was received by the department April 29, 2005.

Board approval for grant award acceptance is required for FY 2004-05.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This program is part of the District Attorney's commitment to assisting underserved victims of crime by alleviating trauma and devastating effects of crime on the lives of victims and their families. Acceptance of the grant award supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 4, Fiscal Responsibility by securing an available revenue source at the State and federal level.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Funding for this program is included in the department's 2004-05 budget and 2005-06 budget request. Grant funds were awarded for the EAAOP in the amount of \$180,000 with a required match of \$34,814, for the period of October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2005.

Total Program costs are expected to be offset by the grant award except for the required match which will be absorbed by the department.

If funding for this program were terminated, an evaluation would be conducted to determine whether the program would either be continued with costs absorbed by the department, or discontinued with the reallocation of staff to vacant budgeted positions.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Historically, elder abuse has been an under reported crime in Los Angeles County; however, as the population ages, reported cases of elder abuse are expected to rise. The Department of Adult Protective Services reported 2,185 cases of neglect, physical abuse and financial abuse in Fiscal Year 2003-04. The EAAOP works with medical personnel, care-givers, service providers and law enforcement to identify the symptoms of physical abuse and provide services to elders and care-givers to prevent such abuse.

The goal for the 2004-05 grant period is to provide direct advocacy services to 650 elder and dependent adult crime victims and to provide 275 referrals to agencies serving elder abuse victims. In addition, the EAAOP will conduct 20 awareness training sessions for direct service providers assisting elders and dependent adults, make 35 public presentations to raise community awareness of elder abuse issues, and conduct 12 local meetings to operational participants.

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**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This program does not propose attorney staff augmentation. Therefore, the District Attorney's Office is not subject to the Board Motion of December 15, 1998, requiring clearance with the Alternate Public Defender, Probation, Public Defender, and Sheriff's Departments.

**CONCLUSION**

Following Board authorization to accept the grant award for the program, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board is requested to return two copies of the adopted Board letter to Patricia Orozco, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Contracts and Grants Unit, 201 North Figueroa Street, Suite 1300, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Orozco at (213) 202-7651.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Cooley", with a large, stylized loop at the end.

STEVE COOLEY  
District Attorney

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c: Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel

**Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office  
Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding \$100,000**

**Department:** District Attorney

**Grant Project Title and Description**

**ELDER ABUSE ADVOCACY & OUTREACH PROGRAM**

The Elder Abuse and Advocacy Outreach Program (EAAOP) was developed to enhance and improve services to seniors who are the victims of physical and financial abuse in Los Angeles County. To that end, EAAOP staff train and work with the attorneys and investigators of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Elder Abuse Section. Cases are referred to the EAAOP staff from the Elder Abuse Unit and through law enforcement.

**Funding Agency**  
Office of Emergency Services  
(OES)

**Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or  
Code #)**

**Grant Acceptance Deadline**

**Total Amount of Grant Funding:** \$180,000

**County Match:** \$34,814

**Grant Period:** FY 2004-05

**Begin Date:** October 1, 2004

**End Date:** September 30, 2005

**Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:**

**Full Time:** 3

**Part Time:** 2

**Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires**

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? Yes X No     

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? Yes X No     

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? Yes      No X

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a). Absorb the program cost without reducing other services Yes      No X

b). Identify other revenue sources Yes      No X

(Describe)     

c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant. Yes X No     

**Impact of additional personnel on existing space:**

None.

**Department Head Signature**

S.L. [Signature]

**Date**

5/12/05